

IN THE SENATE

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 119

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND REAFFIRMING THE STATE OF IDAHO'S COMMITMENT TO A STRONG AND DEEPENING RELATIONSHIP WITH TAIWAN AND SUPPORTING TAIWAN'S MEANINGFUL PARTICIPATION IN APPROPRIATE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

WHEREAS, Taiwan, the United States, and, in particular, the State of Idaho share a historical and close relationship marked by the common values of democracy, human rights, and rule of law; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan and Idaho established a close relationship in the 1980s and found expanded relations through strong and bilateral trade, educational and cultural exchange, scientific and technological interest, and tourism; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan was the second largest export market for Idaho goods in 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021, with a yearly average of \$540 million in sales of items such as semiconductors, computers and capital equipment, and food and agriculture; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the United States Trade Representative and the International Trade Administration reports Taiwanese entities invested nearly \$13.7 billion in 2020 in the United States, up 13.6% from 2019, supporting 19,000 American jobs; and

WHEREAS, Idaho and Taiwan signed a joint Memorandum of Education Cooperation in 2018, and Idaho's universities, colleges, and all levels of educational institutions are encouraged to build cooperative ties with counterparts in Taiwan in the areas of academics, Mandarin learning, and research exchange; and

WHEREAS, Idaho welcomes all opportunities for an even closer economic and educational relationship with Taiwan and supports increased trade and investment through a bilateral free and fair trade agreement, support of the United States-Taiwan Global Cooperation and Training Framework, and building programs for regional experts in the areas of public health, empowerment of women, energy efficiency, and e-commerce; and

WHEREAS, Idaho recognizes Taiwan's contribution to a broad range of global issues, including humanitarian assistance, disaster relief, safeguarding of cyber security, antiterrorism initiatives, and fights against transnational crime.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-sixth Idaho Legislature, the Senate and the House of Representatives concurring therein, that the State of Idaho reaffirms its commitment to the strong and deepening relationship between the State of Idaho and Taiwan and supports Taiwan's meaningful participation in appropriate international organizations.